

chief executive of this great state, in this veto message, so disastrous to the physical welfare and happiness of the people of this commonwealth.

Your committee would earnestly recommend that all local boards of health should immediately endeavor to have enacted ordinances, having for their objects intelligent registration of all cases of tuberculosis in their jurisdiction, and giving such boards discretionary power in matters pertaining to disinfection, renovation, etc.

The committee wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the different organizations for their valuable support in the endeavor to have these bills passed. Every organization to which application was made, gave its endorsement to these measures, with one exception: Bill No. 63 was not endorsed by the State Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, as that body informed the committee some weeks later.

The committee refers with much satisfaction to the consummation of its efforts in the organization of the San Francisco Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. This body has a large and active membership, with permanent headquarters and extensive office equipment. Its efforts at centralizing the work in that city has been productive of great good. It has completed a series of lectures. It has a central clinic thoroughly organized, with representation from the leading medical institutions of the city, and will, it is expected, in a few months, be in a clinic building of its own, plans of which have been accepted. The development of this Association is proving a great stimulus to those in other localities, Oakland having recently organized an association.

There being no funds at the disposal of this committee for the carrying out of the statistical work contemplated, and as it is believed that the Legislative Committee might take up these bills in two years' time; and further, there being but little advisory work to be done, local societies and the State Tuberculosis Association being now equipped to carry on this work, the committee recommends that it be herewith abolished.

(Signed.)

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F. M. POTTENGER,
HERBERT C. MOFFITT,
C. M. COOPER,
RENE BINE,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANCER.

W. F. B. WAKEFIELD, M. D., Chairman.

The committee on cancer beg leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That a Committee on Cancer be made a permanent committee.

2. That 100,000 brochures, for distribution to the public, be printed, setting forth, in simple manner, some plain statements of facts, intended to be educational in character, provided that the committee

succeed in raising the money for the printing of the same.

3. That the committee be given power to act in completing the details of the contents of the brochure and in having the same printed; the completed article to be submitted to the Publication Committee for approval before printing. The rough draft has been made but some finishing touches are required. The committee finds it very difficult to say just enough without saying too much. We thought it wise not to burden the general session with the article in detail, but simply to state that it will consist of about 1000 words pointing out the great mortality from cancer, drawing attention to the necessity for early enucleation, instructing the public in regard to the early signs of cancer of organs most frequently involved, urging them to renounce the idea of cancer being primarily a systemic disease, but to recognize its original localization, and to be honest with themselves in admitting its possibility in every individual and to consult the family physician on the development of any suspicious symptom, however trivial.

4. That the members of the State Medical Society be the distributing agents, the brochures, when printed, being handed over to the Secretary who, in turn, will send them to the different members of the Society with the request that they be judiciously distributed among his or her patients.

W. F. B. WAKEFIELD.
EMMETT RIXFORD.
M. H. FISCHER.

COMMITTEE ON VENEREAL DISEASES.

A. B. GROSSE, M. D., Chairman.

To the President and Members of the State Medical Society.

Your Committee on the prophylaxis of Venereal diseases begs leave to present the following report:

We have communicated with other bodies in the various States and countries working toward the same goal and we have sent the following circular letter to all the County Societies within our jurisdiction, elucidating the principles along the lines of which we deem it essential to proceed.

Board of Education and Labor Organizations have been interviewed, and preparations made for a vigorous campaign.

The Committee on the Prophylaxis of Venereal Diseases.

The committee has deemed it most expedient to address the following recommendations to the Secretaries of the various County Societies:

I. We recommend that each County Society arrange for the permanent maintenance of a ward or a certain number of beds in a hospital or similar institution for the care of acute venereal cases. We believe that this quasi quarantine will be a long step in the direction of preventing the spread of venereal infection. Such patients should be confined until it be deemed safe to dismiss them for ambulant treatment.

II. We recommend that each County Society arrange for practical talks on sexual hygiene to the

students of the upper classes of the high schools by competent and judicious physicians.

III. We recommend that the various benevolent lodges and trades unions receive practical talks from selected members of the respective County Societies not only of the dangers of venereal infection but also of the serious interference with the earning capacity of an individual suffering from a venereal infection. Further that common humanity and their own material interests demand that such infected individuals are entitled to and should receive a sick benefit equally with those otherwise so entitled.

IV. We recommend that each member of the medical profession constitute himself a committee of one to disseminate information and advice to his clientele more especially on the possible dangers from venereal infection.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED B. GROSSE.
JOHN C. SPENCER.
A. E. OSBORNE.

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES. Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting, San Jose, April 20th, 1909.

FIRST SESSION.

The House of Delegates was called to order at 9 p. m., Tuesday, April 20th, by the President, Dr. W. W. Beckett. Forty-nine delegates responded at the first roll-call.

The President read the annual address to the House of Delegates.

Moved, seconded and carried that a committee of three be appointed, to which committee should be referred all reports of officers and all matters of new business. Jas. H. Parkinson, W. J. Barlow and T. C. Edwards appointed. President's address referred to this committee.

Report of the Secretary was read and referred to the same committee.

Report of the Council was read and referred to the same committee.

Report of the Committee on Scientific Work was presented and referred to the same committee.

Report of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, which had been read at the general session, was referred to the same committee. Dr. Parkinson presented a verbal, supplemental report from the committee, giving the history of various medical bills before the last Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Medical Education, read at the general session, was referred to the same committee.

Report of the Committee on Tuberculosis, read at the morning session, was referred to the same committee.

Report of the Committee on Public Health, read at the general session, was referred to the same committee.

Report of the Special Committee on Cancer, read at the general session, was referred to the same committee.

Report of the Special Committee on Venereal Diseases, read at the general session, was referred to the same committee.

An amendment to the By-Laws, adding to the list of standing committees, Article VI, Section 1, the following, was then introduced: "A Committee on Public Health to consist of five members to be elected annually."

Communication referring to the relief of the widow of the late Major Carroll was read and referred to the same committee.

The minutes were read and approved and the session adjourned to meet April 21st.

SECOND SESSION, APRIL 21, 1909.

Election of officers.

Meeting called to order by the President at 9:15 p. m. On the first roll-call 63 delegates responded; 15 more were subsequently noted present.

Place of meeting.—W. F. B. Wakefield and J. A. McKee appointed tellers. Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Long Beach, Stockton and Del Monte were placed in nomination, and on the first ballot received, respectively, the following votes: 28, 17, 0, 29 and 4. The President called for another ballot. On motion, regularly seconded and carried, it was decided to drop the three lowest nominations. On the second ballot Sacramento received 43 votes and Del Monte 34 votes. The President declared Sacramento as the place for next meeting.

President.—Dr. Jas. H. Parkinson, Sacramento, was placed in nomination by Dr. T. W. Huntington. There being no other nominations, on motion the nominations were closed and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Dr. Jas. H. Parkinson for President; carried.

1st Vice-President.—Dr. Wm. Simpson, San Jose, was nominated by Dr. H. Bert. Ellis. There being no other nominations, action similar to the foregoing was taken, the Secretary casting the ballot.

2nd Vice-President.—Dr. W. B. Sawyer, Riverside, was nominated by Dr. Griffith; no other nominations; similar action.

Secretary.—Dr. Philip M. Jones was nominated by Dr. Cheney; there being no other nominations, similar action was taken, the President casting the ballot of the House of Delegates.

Board of Examiners.—Dr. John C. Spencer nominated the following: A. S. Lobingier, Los Angeles; G. F. Reinhardt, Berkeley; Walter Lindley, Los Angeles; W. W. Roblee, Riverside; F. R. Burnham, San Diego; W. P. Burke, Highland; C. D. Ball, Santa Ana; J. H. Barbat, San Francisco; A. L. Cothran, San Jose; George H. Evans, San Francisco. There being no further nominations, the same course was taken, the Secretary casting the ballot for the House of Delegates.

Councilor.—First District, vice F. R. Burnham. Dr. Fred Baker was nominated by Dr. Magee; Dr. G. G. Moseley was nominated by Dr. Strong. On a ballot being taken, the President announced the election of Dr. Baker.

Third District.—Dr. T. C. Edwards was nominated to succeed himself by Dr. Saxton Pope. No other nominations; similar action.

Fourth District.—Dr. Geo. H. Aiken was nominated to succeed himself by Dr. J. R. Walker; no other nominations; similar action.

At Large.—Dr. H. A. L. Ryfkogel was nominated to succeed himself by Dr. C. G. Kenyon; no other nominations; similar action.

Eighth District.—Term expires 1910, vice Jas. H. Parkinson. Dr. W. A. Briggs was nominated by Dr. J. A. McKee; no other nominations; similar action.

Committee on Scientific Work.—The following were nominated: H. R. Oliver, W. H. Gibbons, H. A. Alderson and L. Schmitt. No other nominations; similar action.

Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.—The following were nominated: O. D. Hamlin, G. MacGowan, J. A. McKee; no other nominations; similar action.

Committee on Arrangements.—The following were nominated: A. M. Henderson, S. E. Simmons and J. W. James; no other nominations; similar action.

Committee on Public Health.—George H. Evans, George H. Kress, S. P. Black and W. F. Snow were nominated; no other nominations; similar action.

Delegates to the A. M. A. for two years.—H. Bert.